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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR BUDGETS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

REF: (A) STATE 210000, (B) STATE 176803, (C) GENEVA 10981

1. REF A STARTS OUT BY SAYING THAT "UNITED STATES POLICY IS TO SUPPORT NO REAL PROGRAM GROWTH IN THE BUDGETS OF THE UN AGENCIES FOR 1980/81" AND STATES THAT THIS POLICY WAS ENUNCIATED IN REF B. REF B, AS RECEIVED BY MISSION, WAS ADDRESSED TO ECOSOC DELEGATION. NEVERTHELESS, MISSION RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS IN REF C, WHICH REMAIN UNANSWERED.

2. CLARIFICATION OF THE GUIDELINES IS IMPORTANT. THERE ARE SEVERAL CRUNCH POINTS APPROACHING AT WHICH CLEAR STATEMENTS OF POSITION CAN HAVE MAXIMUM IMPACT. THE SEPT. 6 GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) WILL PROBABLY, UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, PROPOSE A GG (WMO) MEETING. AS REF C POINTED OUT, GENEVA 7594 REPORTS THAT WMO IS PROPOSING A 27.8 PERCENT PROGRAM GROWTH FOR 1980-83. IN ADDITION,
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PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT WIPO WILL PROPOSE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH FOR 1980-82. THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GENEVA GROUP HAS PROPOSED THAT THE GENEVA GROUP MEET TO DISCUSS WIPO ON THE EVE OF ITS SEPT. 25 ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING.

3. EXPERIENCE SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT, IF A TIGHT BUDGET POSITION IS TO PREVAIL, THEN THE U.S. MUST START WORK

EARLY AND NOT MISS ANY OPPORTUNITY. IN THE CASE OF WMO
WE MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE WEIGHING IN AND WE ARE RAPIDLY
NEARING THAT POINT WITH WIPO. THE MISSION, IN THE
ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS, ESPECIALLY AFTER SPECIFIC
REQUESTS FOR INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BASED UPON SOME-
TIMES LENGTHY ANALYSES, HAS NOT CONSIDERED IT PRUDENT TO
GET TOO FAR OUT AHEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT.

4. THE REFERENCES SUGGEST THAT A STATE OF CONFUSION
PREVALES, AT LEAST AT SOME OF THE WORKING LEVELS IN THE
DEPARTMENT. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INTERVENING TO GET
US A REPLY TO REF C AND GUIDANCE FOR THE WMO AND WIPO
BUDGETS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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